

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
New National Stage Entry Application of  
PCT/FR2003/003485

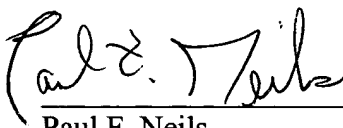
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 presently are pending in the application.

The foregoing amendments are made in order to make editorial changes and to remove multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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